OSTREA ISOGONUM.

CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Animal Tethys.

Testa bivalvis, (plurimis) inæquivalvis, subaurita. Cardo edentulus, fossula cava ovata striisque lateralibus transversis.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

OSTREA, testa æquivalvi, lobo laterali majore, cardine multoties sulcata.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 1149.

Ostrearum genus, quo nomine cas solummodo intelligimus quas titulo ostrearum rudium distinxit Linnæus, (exclusis iis quæ pestines vocantur,) varias continct species sacie inter se valde dissimiles. Ex iis quæ ob formam notatu dignissimæ sunt, speciem naturali colore et magnitudine repræsentat tabula oceani Indici incolam.







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LONG OYSTER.

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GENERIC CHARACTER.

Animal refembling a Tethys.

Shell bivalve (in most species unequally), subauriculated.

Hinge toothless, with an ovate fosfule and lateral transverse streaks.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

Equal-valved OYSTER, with the right lobe largest, and the hinge marked by numerous furrows.

The genus Ostrea, by which is here meant the affortment called by Linnæus Ostreæ rudes, (excluding the Pettines or Escallops,) contains several species which differ considerably in point of habit from each other. Among the most striking as well as curious is that represented on the plate, which is a native of the Indian ocean. Its general size and color are as expressed in the sigure.